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| Character | Pinyin | Radical | English Meaning | Phrases | Stroke Count |
| 老 | lǎo | 老 | Old, aged, experienced | 老师 – teacher | 6 |
| 师 | shī |  | Teacher, master, specialist | 大师 – master | 6 |
| 学 | xué | 子 | Learning, knowledge, school | 学生 - student | 8 |

Stroke Order

* lǎo 老

Cultural Note Chinese Schools

1-5 小学 Small school

6-12 中学 Middle School

College 大学 Big School

* shī 师
* xué 学

Part of Speech

* lǎo adjective, describes noun 老是
* shī noun
* xué adjective, describes noun 学生

Power Pictures

Boy with books on his head

Wheel chair for old people

老 师 master 学

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| 是 | Shì | 日 | To be, right, yě s | 不是 | 9 |
| 也\* | yě | [乚](http://www.xuezhongwen.net/chindict/chindict.php?dss=1&wdqchi=%E4%B9%9A&wdqchim=3&wdrst=0) | Too, also, either | 也是 | 3 |

* shì 是
* yě 也

Part of Speech

* shì verb 我是男人
* yě adverb, describes verb 我也是男人

\*也 is an adverb, placed before verb, but can also be placed at the end or beginning of a sentence such as “also, too”

Example

他是老师,我也是老师

He is a teacher, and I am also a teacher

Summary

老,师, 学, 是, and 也 are all very useful characters. 老师 means teacher because 老is showing respect. 学生 means student. These characters are helpful when talking about education. 是 means is, are, and is very useful. It is commonly used with the adverb也.

Final Question

We learned how to say teacher and student, but how do you say things like principal, janitor, lunch lady, and other positions in school?